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TO: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

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SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Update and Schedule

BACKGROUND:

On December 6, 2007, the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) authorized release of the Draft Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and approved a schedule and outreach process. This report serves as a periodic update to the committee on the process for finalizing the RCP.

Circulation

At this time, staff has distributed the Draft RCP broadly among SCAG members, stakeholders, and interested parties. Hard copies were sent to all members of the Regional Council, Policy Committees, every city and county in the SCAG region, selected other public agencies, and individuals that contributed to the development of the plan. The document has also been posted to the SCAG website. Compact discs and e-mail notice of the web posting were more broadly distributed to the SCAG mailing list.

Workshops

As part of the outreach plan approved by the CEHD Committee, the first of four public workshops on the draft RCP was held on February 13 in San Bernardino. That workshop featured presentations on the greenhouse gas settlement between San Bernardino County and the Attorney General. Also featured were discussions on air quality and the economy. The workshop was attended by approximately 40 individuals including approximately 10 elected officials. Substantial input was received that will be incorporated by staff and the RCP Task Force into the final RCP as presented for adoption later in the year. Future workshops will cover the remaining topics in the draft plan. Staff is coordinating with the CEHD and RCP Task Force Chairs to confirm dates and locations for future workshops. When dates are confirmed, CEHD members will be notified, and information will be posted on the program website – www.scag.ca.gov/rcp.

Schedule

The schedule approved by CEHD in December called for the Committee to consider a recommendation to adopt in June, and for the Regional Council to receive that recommendation in July. However, the EEC is currently reviewing a revised schedule for the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the RCP that will necessitate that the adoption schedule be postponed by 3 months. The purpose of this schedule revision is to allow the RTP PEIR to proceed to completion prior to beginning the environmental review for the RCP. The new schedule is as follows:

RCP PEIR Schedule	
April 7	Start comment period for NOP
May 9	End comment period for NOP


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June 5	EEC action to release Draft RCP EIR
June 9	Start 45 day circulation
July 24	End of 45 day comment period
September 4	Ask EEC to recommend adoption of Final PEIR to RC
September 22	Mail responses to commenting agencies/persons
October 2	RC action to certify EIR/Adopt RCP

FISCAL IMPACT:

Information only at this time. Regional Comprehensive Plan is included in the current Overall Work Program (08-035)

Reviewed by:



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